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High Alpha's Address

LEADERSHIP PRESENTS ITSELF AGAIN

The spring term of 1990 proved to be yet another highly successful semester for Chi Zeta at the University of Illinois. We started the semester with a new and fresh zeta, a group of young men ready and anxious to push Chi further in the direction of excellence.

Much of the semester was dedicated to preparation for and organization of Chi Zeta's 75th anniversary celebration. The turnout for the event was very good, consisting of a wide range of returning alumni.

Chi numbers in attendance for the celebration represented a range of nearly 1,100. We were blessed with the attendance of Lambda Chi Alpha Executive Director George Spasyk, who delivered an inspiring speech concern-

ing how the world has changed through the years ... and how Lambda Chi Alpha, since its founding, has remained a model for other systems to follow.

Other fraternities are finally starting to realize the importance of a viable risk management plan and the value of an associate member program. These are two items which Lambda Chi Alpha has had in place for years already.

The University of Illinois has come to the realization that risk management programs are necessary, as is the abolishment of the practice of buying alcohol with fraternity funds. With this realization came policies which now prohibit fraternities to buy alcohol with chapter funds and mandate close monitoring of Greek parties by a social responsibility committee.

These actions have been viewed (even denounced) as exceedingly harsh

by most of the fraternities at the University of Illinois, and several of them have already felt the wrath of probation for failure to comply with the new policies.

We, on the other hand, have had no such problems. After all, Chi Zeta has been abiding by similar — probably more stringent — guidelines through our own risk management program that has been in effect for more than two years.

Several other challenges are on the horizon and will be presented to the fraternity system during the '90-'91 academic year. We are confident that Chi Zeta shall rise above the others as we encounter the changes, thus demonstrating that Lambda Chi Alpha remains the model for others to follow!

*In Z.A.X.,
Ron Piper
High Alpha*

Homecoming '90

Homecoming is quickly arriving, and your undergraduate brothers have been busily preparing for this year's momentous event. Homecoming '90 takes place Saturday, October 20, when the Fighting Illini host the Spartans of Michigan State in Memorial Stadium.

Included among the festivities for Homecoming Day are a brunch, the football game, a post-game barbecue and an evening party. Due to the new rules imposed by the Interfraternity Council, the party will function under BYO (Bring Your Own) guidelines — so plan accordingly.

Finish making plans and start getting ready to attend a festive Homecoming weekend in Champaign. As in the past, tickets to the game will be reserved in advance. We hope that you will be able to join us for an enjoyable Homecoming '90!

Lambda Chis Rock Atius-Sachem

by Wayne Kissler

This year's Atius-Sachem Moms Day Sing was a spectacular success for the men of Lambda Chi Alpha at the University of Illinois. The undergraduate brothers teamed up with the lovely ladies of Alpha Delta Pi and put together an effort that was rewarded with a second-place finish.

The theme of the show was "The Natives Are Restless," and the production was directed by Chris Hansen and Nick Tornow. Keith Howard, as the lead actor of the show, played the chief of the natives.

A primary feature of the show was the attire of the cast. The performers' costumes consisted of nothing more than grass skirts ... unless, that is, you

want to count the shorts that were worn underneath the skirts (You could see them if you looked really hard).

"I felt naked up there," exclaimed Howard, following that up with a grin and, "but the whistles from all those moms in the crowd made me feel like a million bucks!"

It was not an easy road to second place. The Lambda Chis and ADPis put in nearly 10 hours of practice per week since February ... and the performance was in April.

All the hard work paid off, considering we earned second-place status among the 20 groups originally entering the competition. The brothers are already eager for next year ... when we plan to bring home the gold!

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Alumni news items, photographs and change of address notices should be sent to Chi Zeta of Lambda Chi Alpha, c/o Newsletter Program Headquarters, P.O. Box 6622, Chicago, IL 60680-6622.

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New to Chi

The undergraduates are proud to present the newest initiates and associate members of Chi Zeta. Please join us as we welcome these young men into the ranks of our fraternity:

Initiates — Brad Bechtel, Alex Bernal, Chris Chrzanowski, Matt Engels, Vince Gallord, Todd Grebner, Matt Guarnerly, Ed Karls, Len Krupinski, Andrew Kuster, Vince Maestranzi, Mike Meuris, Steve Minne;

Anwar Najmi, Amit Patel, Mike Peugh, Troy Pottgen, Andy Ruhl, Tom Schleeter, Forrest Slyfield, Scott Smilie, Kevin Strelbel, Josh Tucker, Brian Uherka, Dean Weede and Kent Willets; and

Associate members — John Curtin, Mike Dubois, Andy Findysz, Greg Jaynes, Jeff Kulik, Rob Lacey, Rich Morino, Scott Murray, Paul Naour, Ed O'Reilly, Kevin Shea and Mark Tomlinson.

Says the High Sigma ...

Focus Set on Our Real Reason

by Forrest Slyfield
High Sigma

The focus of our efforts to bring about an improved academic program this year has been on incentives. Through various aspects of the program, Chi Zeta strives to reward the individual efforts of the brothers with recognition by the zeta and even scholarships. The rewards are often as simple as reading a list of 'A's earned by brothers and associates or handing out candy bars for academic excellence. The 'A's that are turned in are also used to determine the recipient of the Student of the Month Award. In March, junior Chris Hansen received seven 'A's on major tests and projects and, in doing so, earned Student of the Month status as well as a \$25 gift certificate.

Another incentive plan entails a scholarship which had been established by Bryan Polich (X1170). The \$250 scholarship is earmarked for the brother who records the greatest improvement in his grade point average from the previous semester. Junior Gary Johnson handily claimed the past scholarship by vaulting 1.6 points up the GPA levels.

I also plan to continue such projects as the big/little brother grades competition. In this contest, a prize will be awarded to the big brother and little brother team which achieves the highest combined GPA for the semester.

With one semester of experience now under my belt, I firmly believe that I will be able to work in additional ideas this semester. Hopefully, these and other programs will serve to keep the members of Chi Zeta focused on the real reason we are at the University of Illinois ... *academics*.

Ritual: Essence of the Fraternity

by Mark Ashbrook
High Phi

A strong point of Lambda Chi Alpha is its Ritual, which has been preserved virtually unchanged for more than 75 years. Written by Jack Mason after endless hours of research, our Ritual addresses human life — its experiences, relationships and problems, all of which remain basically the same as time goes by. The Ritual teaches the highest moral standards from the universal principles and ideals of Christianity.

At Chi Zeta, the Ritual is the primary focus of the associate member program. Associates are encouraged to think about the coat of arms and the creed of Lambda Chi Alpha while preparing for the initiation ceremony that lies ahead of them. For active members, Ritual education takes place weekly, providing a constant reminder of our meaningful secrets and of the bond we share.

Rush Moves into Informal Environment

by Brian Hynes
High Delta

I am sure many of you have heard about the new alcohol policy on campus and, although that is the most talked about change, it is not the only one. The new IFC rules regarding rush state that there will be no formal rush. Although this is pretty drastic, Chi Zeta is on top of things and is sure to benefit. The men of Chi Zeta prefer an informal rush and the opportunity to get to know the rushees better. An informal pilot program was started by IFC last fall, and we were quite successful as we signed 18 associate members. Chi Zeta is on the rise at the U of I because we continue to sign high quality young men and to uphold the great traditions of Lambda Chi Alpha.

High Gamma's Insight

Gaining a Glimpse of Chi Zeta

by Brad Krone
High Gamma

I have not dealt with many major challenges thus far into my term of office ... except for that one time that I almost broke my typewriter while making up the minutes for a previous zeta meeting. It is true that my office has not been exactly grueling, but it does have a lot of responsibilities. One of the responsibilities is keeping the records, so I thought that I would give you a little run-down of some of the lesser known things that are going on here at Chi Zeta of Lambda Chi Alpha.

If you were to glance at some of the chapter reports for last spring, the following is just a sampling of some of the items you might see. It is now a felony to eat or smoke in the tube (television) room, and our gourmet-style kitchen closes at 9:00 p.m. Jeremy Seutman was voted Active of the Semester for his outstanding work as fire marshal, and High Alpha Ron Piper had a banner year on Lambda Chi's basketball team.

Kegs are now a thing of the past. The infamous "juice dilemma" resulted in the termination of our orange juice machine. A city-wide blackout left us without power for three days last February, and an ice storm brought down trees all over campus — including the big one between the Lambda Chi Alpha and Alpha Sigma Phi houses.

Steve McLaughlin and Amit Patel brought respect back to the office of historian, and our exchange with the Delta Zetas proved to be one of the best ever. Finally, the women of Alpha Delta Pi selected Brother Chad Phillips as the most handsome male student on the University of Illinois campus. These are not all the highlights of the past spring ... just some of the more meaningful ones.

Thanks, Brothers, for Your Support

The brothers of Chi Zeta would like to offer a word of thanks to the many alumni who have made voluntary contributions to our newsletter program in recent months.

Your support makes a difference! In addition to helping us produce *The Chi Zetagram*, your voluntary contributions are making a number of improvements in our alumni relations program possible. We have already updated many addresses on our mailing list, and are working on even more; we have received many letters with positive comments, suggestions, and personal notes to help us keep you better informed and involved; and we have seen greater alumni interest as a result of our efforts.

Thanks to the following brothers for their investment in the future of Chi Zeta — without your support, many recent improvements in our communications with alumni would not have been possible:

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| Thomas W. Abbott | Thomas W. Clarke | William G. Dahlquist |
| J.J. Drabek | LeRoy K. Faust | Carl H. Grahl |
| William J. Hengtgen | Lawrence L. Jeckel | Martin E. Johanson |
| Steven G. Lehmann | Richard T. Loewe | Michael T. McLaughlin |
| John R. Mohan | Matthew M. Murphy | James J. O'Brien |
| Williams A. Peters | Alexander W. Reidy | Arthur P. Simpson |
| | Walter H. Sparf | |

As the newsletter is geared toward our graduate brothers, it truly depends upon your participation to be a success. Take a moment to drop us a line about your current activities. The undergraduates and your former classmates are looking forward to hearing from you!



Fighting Illini in 1990

- September 8at Arizona
- September 15Colorado
- September 22....Southern Illinois
- October 6at Ohio State
- October 13Purdue
- October 20Michigan State
(Homecoming)
- October 27at Wisconsin
- November 3Iowa
- November 10at Michigan
- November 17at Indiana
- November 24Northwestern

You Are Our Best Resource

Do you remember saying, "You'll see me around," or "I'll be back," as you carried your last box of college treasures from your room at the house? Once out in the world, you found a job, maybe a wife and family. Somehow, good old Lambda Chi Alpha got pushed down on the priority list.

Lately, though, you've been thinking about how you'd like to get more involved again. But all your fraternity brothers have graduated, the chapter has changed, and there's really no one you feel comfortable about contacting to find out what's happening.

Wait a minute! This is *your* fraternity, and its unique aspect is that it provides membership for life. You enjoyed your undergraduate experience; there's no reason why you can't enjoy your alumni experience too.

Alumni support provides a foundation for undergraduate development. It can take the form of becoming a chapter advisor, serving on the House Corporation, or something as simple as attending Homecoming. You are a valuable resource to the chapter, and we want to hear how we can get you involved again.

Alumni Excerpts

Thomas W. Abbott '33, 2078 E. Balboa Dr., Tempe, AZ 85282, sends in this note:

"I was remarried on November 26, 1989, to the former Lillie M. Ballow. We are both in our 70s, very active, and doing some overseas travel on space-available military flights as I am a retired Army colonel. Lillie has operated the beauty shop in the Old Faithful Inn in Yellowstone for the past 13 years, so some of the brothers' wives may know her. I retired from Allstate Insurance in 1972."

LeRoy K. Faust '36 retired 15 years ago from International Harvester (now Navistar) and spends his summers on Lake Superior and his winters in the Sunshine State. *"I play golf year round,"* Lee writes from 4211 Bowling Green Cir., Sarasota, FL 34233.

Edmund C. Puddicombe '37, author of 15 non-fiction, history and science books, tells us that he and his wife, Lu, enjoy cruises on the Illinois River and their summer place on the Kankakee. The parents of four and grandparents of eight, Edmund and Lu live at 1719 West Acres, Joliet, IL 60435.

Walter H. Sparf '40, 318 W. Central, Lombard, IL 60148, drops us this line:

"I survived cardiac arrest and bypass surgery in 1983 and retired from the manufacturer's representative business in 1985. Now I live in Lombard during the winter months and spend summer months on Fox Lake."

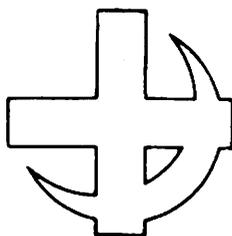
Richard T. Loewe '52 retired from the position of chief scientist with Hughes Aircraft Co. in November 1989. Check on happenings during the first year of the "good life" when you get in touch with Richard at 12882 Olympia Way, Santa Ana, CA 92705.

Milton J. Janosky '62, 37 Monica Dr., Nashua, NH 03060, writes, *"I attended the 50th birthday party (a black-tie affair) of Brother Don Quest (New Jersey). Art Yvenger (Washington, DC) and I were surprise Lambda Chi guests. One highlight of the evening*

was a trombone duet with Don and I exhibiting jazz solos reminiscent of the Lambda Chi Alpha living room parties."

E. Monty Wyne '67 says, *"I have moved quite a bit in recent years and now live in the Atlanta, GA, area (2030 Azalea Dr., Roswell, GA 30075). I am working as a group creative director with J. Walter Thompson, an ad agency. Our largest account is the United States Marine Corps. Atlanta is a beautiful area ... but the Midwest still runs in my veins!"*

David W. Brewer '68, president of the Alumni Advisory Board for the Lambda Chi Alpha colony at Southeast Missouri State University, works with six other alumni from different zetas to facilitate the Lambda Chi experience at SEMO. *"Last winter, I traveled to Lambda-Eta at Murray State to witness the Ritual as 26 men from SEMO were initiated,"* writes David, Rt. 1 Box 481, de Soto, IL 62924. *"While there,*



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I had the distinct pleasure of meeting Will Wilson, holder of the Order of Merit. I can honestly state that my fraternity involvement as an alumnus has been a richly rewarding experience."

Steve Lehmann '70 was elected to the board of directors of the Casualty Actuarial Society, the professional organization of actuaries throughout the United States. Congratulations from fellow alumni will reach Steve at his home address of 1922 E. Oakland Ave., Bloomington, IL 61701.

Douglas A. Lauffenburger '75, in his last note, said, *"It was great to be back for Homecoming last fall — the first time in a long while — but now I'll be around every year. I have accepted a faculty position in chemical engineering at Illinois starting this fall. I look forward to seeing brothers whenever you make it to town."* Brothers can get in touch with Doug at 1901 Byrnebruk Rd., Champaign, IL 61821 (217-356-4706).

Thomas E. Kittler '84 tells us, *"After a year out of Air Force flight school, I was assigned to fly the C-21 (Air Force Lear jet) at Langley AFB in Virginia. It was a great three-year tour, especially since I met my wife there. Jennifer is an Air Force nurse, and we were married on June 3, 1989. I now fly the KC-10 and love it. Jen enjoys her nursing. And master's level courses keep us both busy. Whenever you are in the area, come see us. Our new address is 509 Parklane Dr., Bossier City, LA 71111."*

Christofer L. Billie '84 married Christine Gutermann on August 25, 1989, and moved to the Boston, MA, area from Poughkeepsie, NY. In other news, Christofer tells us that he is now a systems engineer with IBM in Waltham, MA. For even more news from Brother Billie, Lambda Chis can get in touch with him at his updated home address of 31 Bromfield St., Watertown, MA 02172 (617-924-3599).